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SUBJ: BRAZIL ORIGIN PASSENGER AIR TRAFFIC REDUCED BY TRAVEL  
RESTRICTIONS

FOLLOWING MESSAGE PREPARED BY CONGEN RIO AND HAS EMBASSY  
CONCURRENCE.

1. CONGEN RIO HAS QUERIED BRAZILIAN AND U.S. AIRLINES SERVING  
U.S. AND BRAZIL ON EFFECTS OF DECREE LAW 1.470. U.S. AIR-  
LINES REPORT SUBSTANTIALLY DECREASED TRAFFIC FOR PERIOD  
BEGINNING JULY 1976. PANAM REPORTS 4,500 AND BRANIFF  
OVER 1,000 CANCELLATIONS FOR JULY. VARIG  
ASSERTS CANCELLATIONS ARE RUNNING AT A "NORMAL" PACE.  
VARIG NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT THEY HAVE CANCELLED SEVEN INTER-  
NATIONAL CHARTERS (ALTHOUGH THREE WERE TO BEIRUT AND THOSE  
CANCELLATIONS WERE OBVIOUSLY FOR OTHER REASONS).

2. BRANIFF REPORTS THAT IT HAS REDUCED FROM SIX TO ONE  
REQUESTS TO CAB FOR EXTRA SECTIONS FOR JULY. PANAM REPORTS  
THAT OWING TO CANCELLATIONS IT WILL PROBABLY CANCEL ITS  
APPLICATIONS FOR EXTRA SECTIONS FOR JULY.

3. BRAZIL ORIGINATING U.S. TRAVEL COULD DECLINE BY  
UP TO 50 PERCENT OVER EXPECTED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH OF  
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JULY, THE PEAK MONTH FOR BRAZILIAN TRAVEL TO THE U.S.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE FULL EFFECTS OF RECENT LEGISLATION WILL NOT BE FELT FOR SOME MONTHS. MANY PEOPLE HOLD EXIT VISAS (VALID FOR 180 DAYS) GRANTED BEFORE THE DECREE BECAME EFFECTIVE. OUR INFORMATION INDICATES THAT BULK OF THESE VISAS WILL EXPIRE IN SEPT. 1976. VARIG STATES THAT ONLY AFTER THESE VISAS EXPIRE WILL THE TRUE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM BE KNOWN.

4. AIRLINES STATE THAT ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF U.S./BRAZIL TRAFFIC CONSISTS OF MORE THAN ONCE PER YEAR TRAVELLERS (IMPLICATION IS THAT THESE ARE BUSINESSMEN OR GOVT. OFFICIALS). OF THE THREE MAIN U.S. DESTINATIONS FOR BRAZIL/US TRAVELLERS (MIAMI, NEW YORK, AND LOS ANGELES) IT IS LIKELY THAT MIAMR WILL BE HARDEST HIT DUE TO THE HIGH "TOURISM" CONTENT OF BRAZIL/FLORIDA TRAVEL AS OPPOSED TO THE OTHER DESTINATIONS. BRAZILIANS VIEW FLORIDA AS A FIRST CLASS RESORT AREA. DISNEYWORLD HAS ALSO BECOME A LARGE ATTRACTION.  
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